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DESPITE LOCAL OPPOSITION **New Nightclub Likely to Open On De Haro St.**

By Carol Peterson

Negotiations are currently underway for a new nightclub to open at the site of the former Club Le Touche at 300 De Haro Street.

Numerous violent incidents, reportedly instigated by some of the previous tenant's clientele, brought about revocation of that club's license and operating permits as a result of pressure from neighborhood residents and police.

Another club located nearby at 444 De Haro Street, the Sahara, was also closed last year following complaints about similar problems. The owners of the 444 De Haro property have opted to rent to businesses other than nightclubs. However, the owner of 300 De Haro Street, Barbara Klein, has said she wishes to continue to have her property used as a nightclub, despite protests from other tenants at the address and residents in the immediate area.

The Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association Executive Committee was approached by the prospective new lessee, Julio Morales of San Jose. At a meeting held in the Potrero Hill Library meeting room Jan. 6, Morales, who is the owner of a club named the Caribbean Gardens in Burlingame, announced his intention to open a similar club at the De Haro Street building.

Morales has owned the Burlingame venue since May of last year, and would like to occupy the new Potrero Hill site as soon as the liquor license from the old Club Le Touche can be transferred to him.

The new night spot, to be called the Caribbean Rainbow, would be operated much the same as the Burlingame location, with live salsa, jazz and contemporary Latin bands, which Morales plans to bring to the Bay Area from South and Central America, as well as from Europe. Morales' family are musicians, and he has been performing and traveling the world with various bands since the age of five.

The club would be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights from 6 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. year round, as well as additional Wednesdays and Thursdays during the summer months.

Morales' Burlingame business is a supper club, featuring South and Central American cuisine. He has requested from Klein that a full kitchen be installed, in order to provide patrons with a menu that has yet to be determined, although Morales says he intends to feature foods from the Caribbean, possibly Jamaican or Costa Rican dishes. At View press time, Klein had not responded to his request, and Morales told The View that he will install the facilities himself if Klein refuses his request.

At the January 6 meeting, which was also attended by Captain Sylvia Harper of the Bayview Police Station and Kelly Castignaro of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, local residents expressed displeasure at the idea of another nightclub being opened on Klein's De Haro Street property. Klein was not present at the meeting.

She has reportedly refused to consider renting the site to another type of business that would close its doors at an earlier hour, thereby eliminating late-night disturbances and traffic in the area.

Considering the previous incidents at this site — and what some neighborhood residents perceive as the landlord's lack of concern about them — feelings run high against the building housing another tenant in the bar business.

During last year's permit revocation hearings, representatives of the Board of Permit Appeals advised vigilance against another similar business being operated under Klein's leasehold.

Owners of the World Gym, in the next block, say they had approached Klein to rent the site for a child care facility. However, The View was told this proposal was rejected.

Adding to residents' concerns about a new nightclub in the 300 De Haro Street space are reports that the Recycling Center just a few blocks away will be converted to live/work space, which would increase the density and parking problems on nearby streets.

Nothing can be decided on the issue until a hearing is held in April to determine the disposition of the currently-suspended liquor license, which Morales wants to be transferred to him. This license is still held by the previous management of the Club Le Touche. Neighborhood feeling is strong that should a new bar occupy that site, it should acquire a new license for the operation with the existing license permanently revoked.

Morales, who attended the Boosters meeting along with several family members, told The View that he had lived in the Silver Avenue area until he married, when he moved to San Jose. He also told The View that he understands the nature of the problems with the previous tenants and sympathizes with the residents. However, he claimed that his new operation, like his existing club in Burlingame, would bear no resemblance to that of the previous occupants.

Repeating points he had made at the Boosters meeting, Morales told The View that he had the support of many Latino organizations in the city and hoped that resistance to his proposed business would not be based on racial prejudices.

HITTING THE CENTURY MARK ON THE HILL

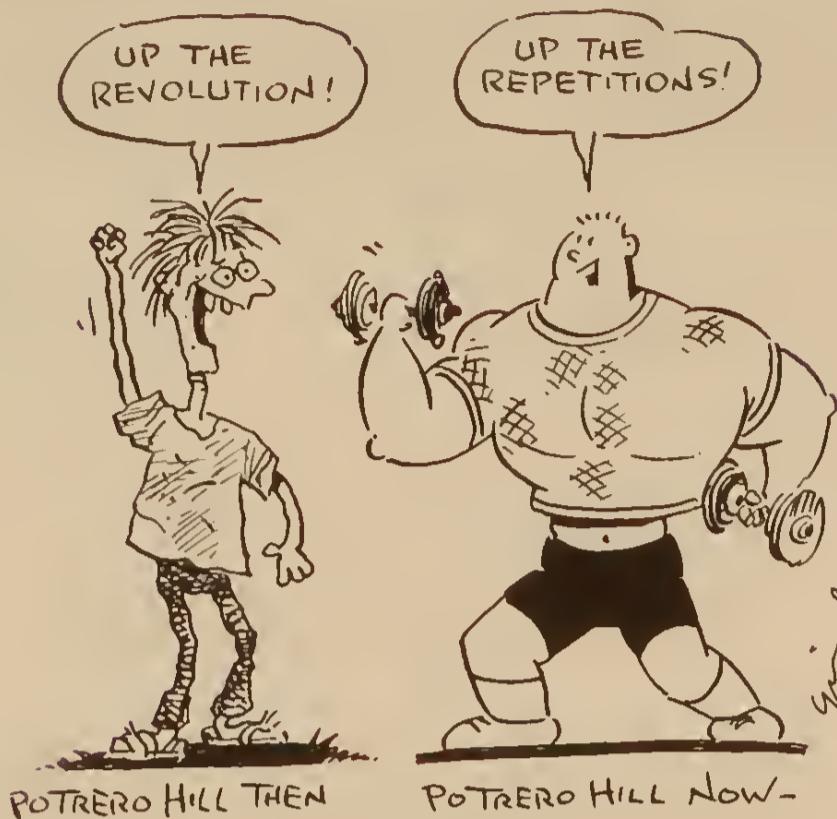


Longtime Potrero Hill resident Ellie Baine who turns 100 in February, shares a century of memories on Page 4.
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GYMS MOVE IN... SLOGANS CHANGE!



GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (Feb. 5) with members of the San Francisco Police Dept., to discuss issues of public concern. Meetings take place at 7 p.m. in the Community College, downstairs, at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps, off Bayshore. The February meeting will focus on issues surrounding the medical use of marijuana. Guest speakers to include: Deputy City Attorney Jean S. Fraser - Office of the City Attorney; Dr. Jan Gurley - Department of Public Health; Senior Planner Suzanna Montana - Department of Planning; District Attorney Terence Hallinan - District Attorney's Office. Public discussion, comments and questions to follow.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month (Feb. 9) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin St. are open to the public.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets the second Tuesday of each month (Feb. 10). The meetings start at 7:30 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro. Guest speaker John Brooke, President of Americans for Death with Dignity (ADD), will discuss legislation expected to be introduced next session by Assemblywoman Caroline Migden.

Starr King Park Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (next meeting: March 11), at 7 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616-20th St. The Saturday work parties (10 a.m. until 1 p.m.) will continue every month on the Saturday that follows the second Wednesday of each month. The park is located at Carolina and 23rd Streets. The February party will be on the 14th. All valentines are welcome.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets in executive session February 18. Although this is an executive committee meeting, anyone wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359 for a time and place.

Potrero Boosters Neighborhood Association meet the last Tuesday of the month (Feb. 24) at 7:30 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library -- 1616-20th Street.

Potrero Hill Garden Club meets the last Sunday of the month, this month's meeting: Feb. 22. For time and location, please contact Joni Eisen, 648-6740.

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From Birmingham to Boston, the civil rights movement woke up many young people who might have otherwise been lulled into acceptance of the detour from activism that stamped the decade of the fifties. The civil rights movement, and the struggle of the Black nationality mobilized millions of people to win democratic and civil rights. It showed youth how they could wield power and contribute to changing the history that would change their lives.

Black History Month is as good a time as any to study the documents and documentaries of the struggle for civil rights, school desegregation, affirmative action, equal housing and accommodations and recognition of the real role of the Black nationality in the history of the Western Hemisphere. Where is lively material available on this important chapter in the history of the working people of this country? Right here — at your library. Here are some titles worth investigating:

* Racism, Revolution and Reaction by Pedro Camejo

* The Battle of Boston by Jon Hillson

* Eyes on the Prize (video and book)

* Malcolm X Speaks

* Organized Labor and the Black Worker by Philip Foner

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH STORYTELLER JAMES TYRONE WALLACE

Join us on Saturday, February 7, at 4 p.m., for original stories and folk tales in the African-American tradition with actor and storyteller James Tyrone Wallace.

RECORD-BREAKING CROWD ENJOYS SNOW SCENE

When a last-minute plea came from the Potrero Hill Parents Association to schedule a second performance of the Snow Pas de Deux because the first conflicted with a children's holiday party, we immediately arranged to honor that request, with the cheerful cooperation of teacher/choreographer, Richard Gibson.

The result was a quick roundup of a second cast. Each of the stellar performances drew more than 70.

JOY TO THE STAFF—AND THANKS TO YOU

To those of you who sent holiday wishes in the form of cards and sweets, we thank you again this year, and wish everyone the best in '98.

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TEN YEARS AGO**In The View****NEIGHBORS PLAY LEADING ROLE IN AGNOS INAUGURAL**

Among those Potrero Hill residents attending the inauguration of Art Agnos as Mayor were Father Peter Sammon of St. Therese's Church, Phil Andrade, founder of Goat Hill Pizza and an aide to Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi. Betty Brooks of Potrero Terrace, Bill and Anne Loskutoff, Art's neighbors on Connecticut Street, and a dozen Potrero Hill seniors who were brought to City Hall by the Senior Escort Service.

HILLERS NAMED TO COMMISSION PANEL

Three Potrero Hill residents were named to Mayor Agnos' Citizens' Committee on Commissions. They were Ruth Passen, Bob Boileau and Gwenn Craig.

REC CENTER'S GREENBERG NAMED TOP CITY EMPLOYEE

Mayor Diane Feinstein proclaimed Jan. 5 as "Joe Greenberg Day" to honor the director of the Potrero Hill Recreation Center for his past 22 years of service. The prize for being named top employee was a trip to Kauai, but Greenberg passed it on to his long-time assistant, Rosa Hammock, for "putting up with me for all those years."

CITIZENS COMPLAIN OF EARSPLITTING SIRENS ON THE HILL

A pole with 12 horns had been installed on the Water Department site at 22nd and Carolina Streets, and was tested for the first time on Jan. 5, 1988, causing great alarm among residents in the area. The horns were supposed to be used only for tsunami warnings or for airborne spills of hazardous matter. However, they were to be tested 52 times a year, every Tuesday at noon, to make sure they are working properly.

NABE CHILD CENTER OFFERS BILINGUAL, MULTI-CULTURAL CURRICULUM

Children from two-and-a-half to five were being accepted into a bilingual, multi-cultural program beginning Feb. 1 at the Neighborhood House Child Development Center. The curriculum included reading readiness and language development, math, science, music and an introduction to computers. Parent involvement was being encouraged.

DEMOLITION DILEMMA HEATS UP ON THE HILL

The Potrero Hill League of Active Neighbors (PLAN) and the Residential Builders Association squared off to debate proposals to impose strict limits on demolition of existing residential buildings and construction of new housing on Potrero Hill.

VIEW STAFFER WINS ACCLAIM FOR ROLE, IN BECKETT DRAMA

Potrero Hill's Winifred Mann was receiving high praise for her leading role in Samuel Beckett's play "Happy Days" at the Magic Theater. Mann is a theater reviewer and staff member of the View.

ARTISTS SEEK SUPERVISORS' OK ON LIVE-IN STUDIO ORDINANCE

Supervisor Bill Maher introduced legislation authorizing artists' live/work space, in response to the flight of many SF artists to Emeryville and Berkeley where zoning changes have opened up industrial and commercial space for artists.

AND TWENTY YEARS AGO . . .

ILWU president and Potrero Hill resident Jim Herman testified before a Congressional committee on the causes of crime, citing high unemployment as a major contributing factor . . . Mayor George Moscone called for a series of neighborhood meetings to discuss housing and criminal justice problems . . . Parents and teachers confronted the Board of Education's Task Force to protest the closing of Starr King School . . . 1,500 pounds of food and more than 400 gifts were distributed at Christmastime at the Neighborhood House . . . Assemblyman Art Agnos introduced legislation to cut red tape in the funding of child care centers . . . Project SAFE was newly established to bring neighbors together to help combat crime and make the neighborhood safer . . . The Board of Education leased the I.M. Scott School on Tennessee Street to the Potrero Hill Community Development Corporation for \$1.00 a year . . . The Caleb Clark Clinic celebrated its second year of service . . . Beah Richards appeared in a one-woman show entitled "A Black Woman Speaks," at the Neighborhood House.

— Bernie Gershater

**Potrero Hill Neighborhood House**

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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

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| Girls/Boys Club . . . | Mondays, 4:00 pm |
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| Omega Boys Club . . . | Tuesdays, 7:30 pm |

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Hill's Ellie Baine Shares 100 Years Worth of Memories

By Betty Packard

Ellie Baine is a woman light years ahead of her time.

The spunky Potrero Hill resident, who will turn 100 on Feb. 8, has lived through "the big one," marched as a child to get a park on the Hill, won city medals for running track, played sports, worked for a living most of her life, volunteered for as long as she was able to stand without a cane, and, together with her husband, raised three productive children.

Baine's mother was born in Ireland and went to work in Australia as a young woman. There she met a man from New Zealand and they were married in 1891. With two children in tow, they moved to Pittsboro Massachusetts and then, in 1902, to Oakland. Shortly thereafter they moved to San Francisco and were living in a Victorian house, on the block where Moscone Center now stands, when the 1906 earthquake leveled the area.

The family — along with other South of Market refugees — was quickly directed to China Basin, then a virtual sand desert. There each family commandeered a plot of ground on which they slept and lived. Someone always had to stay there, she remembered, or you would lose your place to new refugees.

They had no clothes, food or blankets. The Army brought in food and water, but it was a minister from Watsonville who brought clothes, shoes, and — at her mother's request — a comb for her daughters' long hair.

"We had to wait until Southern Pacific fixed the railroad tracks," Ellie explains. "There was no way to get into the city until then, except to walk." Southern Pacific made a warehouse available on Third Street, near Bryant, from which the new supplies were distributed. Her mother volunteered to be a supervisor, so Ellie's family all received clothes and shoes, as well as the prized comb.

After a time the camp was moved to 19th and Tennessee Streets. Each family received a large round tent to live in. The children went to the I. M. Scott school near 22nd and Tennessee Streets.

Before long, small three-room shacks were built at Third and Minnesota Streets. "It made no difference how many were in your family," she says, "you only got a three-room shack. We used kerosene lamps for heat and light but there was never a fire."

"Although it was a squatter's camp, no one was afraid," Baine recalls. "When it rained, we got a lot of water. We didn't have a heck of a lot of things, but we were happy; those were happy times."

She remembers that "for a long time there were no houses available. Finally, if you had \$25, you could buy a shack and move it to a new location. They came with a wagon which had a large bed and big wheels, the men would lift the house and put it on tree poles and wheel it to the wagon. The first house we rented was at 20th and Connecticut Streets, where the drugstore used to be. It had two front doors, a nice fence, and six rooms in one story."

What was Potrero Hill like then? "Only a few rich men lived on the Hill," Baine recalls. "One was Mr. Raymond, who lived at 20th and Wisconsin Streets and owned practically the entire block — which was an empty lot. Another man, Mr. Morris, owned a dairy at 20th and Connecticut Streets. He also had a lot full of chickens."

As a child, Baine loved sports, winning a first place medal from the San Francisco Park and Recreation Dept. in 1911 for running track. She played girls' basketball and volleyball in school and still remembers that the boys played in one schoolyard and the girls in another.

Baine also remembers that there were no play areas on the Hill and recalls how someone told her and her friends to ride the open streetcars and yell, "We want a park, we want a park. Where? On Potrero." She laughs when acknowledging that they eventually were successful in getting a park, but by then she was too old to play in it.

The Hill hasn't changed much, Baine says, but she notes that the neighbors were different then — more friendly.

She remembers the Crematory where the garbage was burned, which is now Jackson Park. And she recalls the Pest House on Army Street (Now Cesar Chavez) near Potrero Avenue, with "the biggest, widest tallest brick chimney in San Francisco", which used to burn the waste from the hospital. The Pest House also housed the incurable contagious patients with such diseases as leprosy, tuberculosis, etc. Its most interesting feature was that the ward for tuberculosis patients was open at all times, with no windows.



Ellie Baine (left) receives a Certificate of Honor from the Board of Supervisors recently at a Potrero Hill Neighborhood House Dinner. The certificate was presented by Supervisor Sue Bierman.

Ruth Passen photo

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In 1916, Ellie married Walter Francis Baine, who died in 1978. They were married 62 years and had two girls and a boy. Today she is the matriarch of five generations, which include five grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren. According to Baine, "Everyone is into careers. Some are in the plumbing business, one is a television producer, and another is a police officer."

In 1924, Ellie and Walter Baine bought the house on Arkansas Street where she still lives. It is full of memories of their life together, remembrances of friends and family. After her husband's death, she lived there alone until she broke her hip. Then daughter Marie — whose own husband had died — moved into the family home and has proven to be a continuing source of comfort and companionship.

For most of her life Baine worked. For 24 years she was a timekeeper and supervisor at Western Sugar Refinery. When she quit, she thought she wasn't

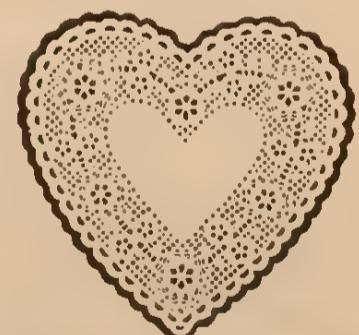
going to work anymore. Then came World War II and she quickly went to work making life jackets at a company at Seventh and Folsom Streets. To save money, the government would recover life jackets and send them back to be patched and refurbished. Often, Baine remembers, many would still contain the blood of their former users.

When the war was over, she again decided she wasn't going to work anymore. But then she was offered a job at Golden State Ice Cream, located at the bottom of the Hill, where she worked until her retirement.

Not one to stay inactive for long, Baine soon began volunteering at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, where for 18 years she did everything that was asked of her, including helping to serve the daily Salvation Army lunch. Two years ago a broken hip stopped her beloved volunteering. However, she still drops by the Neighborhood House to see her friends.

Baine's only problem with living to 100 is that "sometimes my bones hurt so badly, all I can do is cry." Since one medicine reacts with another, her answer is to "just not take it." Other than the pain and a diminishing loss of hearing, she is able to stay quite active.

A true Renaissance woman, Ellie Baine begins a new century of life with the same spunk and energy she has exhibited throughout her life. A birthday celebration at St. Teresa's Church will allow friends and family to honor this community treasure.



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Happy St. Valentine's Day!

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For more information, call 826-8080

Esprit Park Funds Get Lower Ranking In New City Budget

Efforts to win additional city funds towards the purchase of Esprit Park suffered a temporary setback with the release of this year's Open Space Acquisition Budget proposed by the staff of the Recreation and Park Dept.

The proposed budget has lowered Esprit Park to a ranking of Priority 2, and has not recommended any additional city funding towards purchase of the Minnesota Street green space.

Potrero Hill residents who have organized as Friends of Esprit Park last year won \$300,000 from the Open Space Fund towards purchase of the park from the new owners of the Esprit Corp. Friends of Esprit Park want to ensure that the area remains a park, rather than being sold to a developer.

"Esprit Park has provided priceless parkland to the diverse communities of Potrero Hill and the Third Street Corridor for more than 15 years," the Friends point out.

Friends of Esprit Park is urging Hill residents to support its efforts to win additional city funds towards the park's purchase, as well as restoration of Esprit Park to Priority 1 ranking.

Hillers are urged to write or call Mayor Willie Brown and members of the Board of Supervisors, and to attend meetings of the Open Space Citizens Advisory Committee to show support for the park.

The Friends expects Esprit Park to come up on the committee agenda within the next few weeks, although the date had not been set at Potrero View press time. The Open Space committee meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at McLaren Lodge.

There will probably be only a short time to notify people when Esprit is calendared on the committee agenda. Anyone interested in getting on the telephone tree to be notified about the meeting may do so by calling 641-7884.



Potrero Hill Middle School sixth graders joined Paul Horcher, Director of the San Francisco Solid Waste Management Program (L/R), for a recycling campaign — to save money and the environment — in January. The campaign, initiated at the Potrero Center Safeway store is a move to provide nearly one million reusable paper bags and encourage customers to buy reusable and long-lasting products as well as those in larger sizes. "A family of four can save \$3,000 a year simply by buying products in the largest size they can use and by buying reusable items," Horcher said, suggesting that buying cereal in a large box instead of individual snack packs can save an average family \$118 a year while producing 50 percent less waste, and buying apple juice in gallon sizes instead of single serve sizes will save families \$175 a year. The campaign runs through February 7, and consumers can get information about this nationally award-winning consumer education program by calling 1-800-953-4400.

Emergency Training For Hill Begins Feb. 25

Neighborhood Emergency Response Training (NERT) will begin on Potrero Hill on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. at Potrero Hill Middle School, 650 De Haro Street.

NERT is a free six-week course in disaster preparedness conducted by members of the San Francisco Fire Dept.

It helps residents take charge of their lives and learn what to do for themselves, their families and their neighbors in the first 72 hours following a disaster - the time when city and county systems might well be overwhelmed and unable to assist many people.

Scheduled for NERT sessions will be instruction in basic search and rescue techniques, disaster medicine, how to use a fire extinguisher, what is needed in emergency kits, and much more.

To sign up for the class, call 558-3456. After completing the sessions, people can join the Potrero Hill NERT team - with more than 50 trained NERT team members ready and able to survive any disaster, helping Potrero Hill and the City survive the next "Big One."

Having Trouble Sleeping? Feb. 14 Session Can Help

A program on sleeping problems will be presented in the winter Community Health Education Series sponsored by the UCSF/Mount Zion Center on Aging, an affiliation of the Goldman Institute on Aging and UCSF.

"Counting Sheep: Conquering Sleeping Problems" is the subject of the first half-day workshop to be presented Feb. 14.

Complaints of poor sleep or excessive daytime sleepiness are common in older adults. The elderly may experience significant changes to their established sleep/wake patterns as a result of reductions in physical and social activity and retirement. They also have more medical illnesses that can disturb sleep.

The goal of the workshop is to provide older adults with information that will enable them to better under-

stand the nature of healthy sleep, the influences that may play a role in disturbing sleep patterns, and the strategies for preventing and correcting sleep problems.

The program will be presented by David Claman, M.D., director of the UCSF/Mt. Zion Sleep Disorders Clinic, and Kimberly Trotter, sleep lab technician in the clinic. The program, which is free, will be held in the auditorium at 3333 California St., from 8:30 a.m. - to 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Call 750-5342 for more information.



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HILL CONFERENCE STRESSES 'Treatment on Demand' Needed in Drug Crisis

By Ruth Passen

Pointing up the growing need for "treatment on demand" by people suffering from substance abuse — especially youth — San Francisco Supervisor Gavin Newsom hosted a community forum January 24 at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, and startled the crowd with hard hitting information and alarming statistics.

Newsom stressed that more local and community control is necessary in helping those with substance abuse problems, and told the audience that California and San Francisco have the worst statistics in the nation. So, "have we won the war on drugs?" he asked.

In his quest to take leadership in helping to turn the problems around, Newsom said "we must take a different tack, and that's what this forum and

subsequent ones will be about." He wants San Francisco to take the lead in changing the way treatment is offered for those with drug problems, and is going to the communities for help.

He also emphasized the need for in-patient, residential drug treatment programs, noting there is only one in the city.

A panel of speakers reaffirmed the seriousness of drug abuse in the city, as Alice Glehorn, representing the Dept. of Public Health, listed results of a survey her department prepared on drug abuse. There is more illegal drug use among California teens than among teens in any other state, she said, adding that alcohol is the most prevalent substance used by youth.

In San Francisco alone, she pointed out, the survey revealed that 60 percent of youth drank alcohol in the past year. It also showed that middle school students have higher rates of lifetime use of inhalants than high school students.

In another program for substance abuse prevention aimed at youth 11 to 25 years of age on Potrero Hill, it was learned that in the past two years nearly 100 percent of those young people began drug or alcohol use before the age of 18. Over half the youth seeking services did not have a substance abuse problem themselves but had someone close to them — generally a parent — with a drug or alcohol problem.

A report prepared by the Lindesmith Center states that "the increasing rate of incarceration of drug prohibition violators, together with the increased number of prohibition arrests, have fueled the massive increase in U.S. correctional populations over the past 16 years. One quarter of Americans behind bars are incarcerated for drug law violations."

Panelist Jack Jacqua co-founder of the Omega Boys and Girls Club, told the crowd that "maybe we're not supposed to win the war on drugs, because more prisons are being built!"

"It's the dumbest idea to throw people in jail for drugs," Jacqua said. "Do we really understand what's going on in San Francisco?" At least 85 percent of men locked up in jails are in drug related offenses, he said.

"How do we empower the community to help," asked Charlie Morimoto of the Community Substance Abuse Services. He then suggested the need to look for strengths in the family, community centers and churches, and the need to work with those strengths.

Consensus of all participants was that the most urgent need is for treatment on demand. Between 1,000 - 1,400 people are waiting to get help at current available sites, and "no one seeking help should be put on a waiting list," insisted Michael Siever of the Treatment on Demand Planning Council.

Speakers and audience agreed with Newsom that representatives of the local, state, and federal government need to help with better programs and funding.



Supervisor Gavin Newsom listened to comments from participants in the community forum he hosted at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House January 24.

Ruth Passen photo

Tax Help Available For Local Seniors

AARP TaxAide volunteers will be available to assist low and moderate income taxpayers 60 and over complete their Federal and State tax returns from February 2 through April 15, at 26 sites in San Francisco.

In cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board, these volunteers were especially trained on items of special concern to older people.

Taxpayers needing assistance should be sure to bring any tax packets they received in the mail for this year's returns and copies of last year's returns would be helpful if available.

They should also bring W-2s if they were employed, information regarding interest or any other income. If they want to itemize they will need all pertinent information, such as tax bills, medical expenses, charitable contributions, etc.

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Author Toni Vincent will read from works in the Anthology "Father Songs: Testimonies by African American Sons and Daughters," Thursday, Feb. 5, 6 p.m., in the Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room.

"The Marsh's Growing Stage" will be offering a drop-in art class for children of all ages. Children will have the opportunity to express themselves by making puppets, masks, clay sculptures and more. Saturdays, Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 11 to 11:45 a.m. Cost is \$4-6 per child per class. Classes are held at the Marsh, 1062 Valencia Street. For information call 826-5750, ext. 2.

For Valentine's Day the Exploratorium presents a film tribute to love, Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. in the Exploratorium's McBean Theater. Free with Museum admission, the films are "For Better or For Worse," featuring five couples from different backgrounds, all married 50 years or more, and "Washing Walls With Mrs. G.," a short film about the relationship between a grandson and his grandmother.

On Wed., Feb. 25, 7-8 p.m., join Exploratorium staff scientists as they prepare for the following day's live coverage of the full solar eclipse, with weathercasts, background interviews, scientific research on the sun-earth connection, and interviews with NASA scientists.

Anti-rape activists are needed to support sexual assault survivors. San Francisco Women Against Rape Crisis Counselor Training begins Feb. 12. For more information call Janelle at 861-2024.

The Family Caregiver Alliance offers two new programs for families and individuals coping with a recent diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. The first is a free half-day workshop, "Learning and Living With Early Stage Alzheimer's Disease," scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 4, from 1-5 p.m. at California Pacific Medical Center. The second program offers an eight-week support group for both the individual with Alzheimer's and family members. The support groups will begin March 12 at the Family Caregiver Alliance office, 425 Bush Street. For information call 800-445-8106.

Manuel Barrueco will present a concert of classical guitar, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., at the Community Music Center recital hall, 544 Capp St. between 20th and 21st Streets. Admission is free.



Through March 14, new sculptural installations by Jann Nunn will be on exhibit at Space 743, 743 Harrison Street. Hours are Wednesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m., and by appointment. Call 777-9080.

The Lesbian Gay Transgender Advisory Committee (LBGTAC) of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) is seeking new members to serve on one of HRC's most active committees. Applicants must make a firm commitment to attend LBGTAC meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. and must be willing to work on special projects. For information call HRC at 252-2510.

The San Francisco Public Library presents a program of information on 911 access for the deaf or hard of hearing people, Tuesday, Feb. 3, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., in the Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room, 100 Larkin Street.

A Paul Robeson Centennial Celebration, honoring Paul Robeson and the UN Convention against all forms of racial discrimination, will be held Sunday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m., in the Main Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Larkin Street. Featured speakers include Ann Ginger, Executive Director of the Alexander Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute; Charles Henry, Professor of African American Studies, UC Berkeley; and Herbert Aptheker, renowned author, scholar and friend and editor of author W.E.B. DuBois.

A large screen video program, "Once Upon A Time... When We Were Colored," a feature film directed by Tim Reid, a portrait of the segregated South in the 1940s-1960s, will be shown Thursday, Feb. 26, at noon in the Main Library, Koret Auditorium.

Through Feb. 28, an exhibition honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. and Patrice Lumumba, the first Prime Minister of the Democratic Republic of Congo, will be in the Main Library, African American Center.

On Feb. 2-13, an African American Inventions Exhibit will be shown at the Bayview A.E. Waden Branch of the Public Library, 5075 Third Street, at Revere. For information call 715-4100.

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Mia Amato, a Potrero Hill resident and nationally syndicated gardening columnist, appears at A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books, 601 Van Ness Avenue, on Wednesday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m. Her new book, "The Garden Explained," covers everything you need to know to make your garden grow.

The Pacific Rim Sculptors Group presents an exhibition of sculptures and installations, in a range of materials from bronze to beeswax, at the Contract Design Center lobby and courtyard, 600 Townsend Street, at 7th Street. The exhibition runs through March 26. It is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed at MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) to do interactive presentations with youth, to be mentors for young men in the program or to help out in the office. Call Loreto Curti for information at 415-357-5048.

Senior Native American artists share their wisdom and experience in "The Elders Speak," a mixed media exhibit of traditional and contemporary artwork, at American Indian Contemporary Arts in downtown San Francisco, 23 Grant Avenue, 6th Floor. Hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For information call 415-989-7003.

On Saturday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m., a canine commencement ceremony will take place at the San Francisco SPCA Education Center at 243 Alabama St. Hearing dogs will receive their diplomas and begin their new lives as service dogs for deaf and hard-of-hearing people. For information call 554-3020 or the TTD line at 554-3022.

"Insights '98," the 10th annual Blind Artists Exhibit, sponsored by the Rose Resnick Lighthouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired, will be held through March 6 at Embarcadero 4, Promenade Level, across from Splendido. The exhibit will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 2 p.m. Admission is free. Contact Patrick Farley at 431-1481, ext. 220.

Learn about San Francisco history and architecture, and become a Haas-Lilenthal docent or Pacific Heights Walking Tour guide. Class starts in March. For information call Stacia Fink at 441-3000.

Beginning Feb. 6, the Museum of Modern Art, in collaboration with San Francisco Cinematheque, will present "Big as Life: An American History of 8mm Film," the country's most comprehensive retrospective of the 50-year history of 8mm image-making as art. This two-year series, numbering more than 50 programs, surveys the achievements in these media from the earliest practitioners to those artists active today. For more information call Graham Leggat at 212-708-9752.

Volunteers are needed by the Arthritis Foundation to help with their information and referral services program. For information call 1-800-464-6240.

Low-income SF residents who want to learn carpentry and cabinetmaking can apply for free job training at a local manufacturing plant using the latest in building technology. Asian Neighborhood Design's Employment Training Center is currently accepting full-time enrollment. Informational workshops are held every Monday at 9 p.m. at the training center, 1232 Connecticut Street at 26th St., on Potrero Hill. Applicants must be 17 or older. Women and people of color are encouraged to apply. No previous woodworking experience is necessary. Call Janice Lee at 982-2959 for details.

Footloose presents "From the Page to the Stage," a play reading series at Venue 9, 252 Ninth Street, Tuesdays, Feb. 3, 10, 17, and 24, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5-10. The plays include: Feb. 3, "A Curious Christmas" by Mark Routhier; Feb. 10, "Nobody Knows," by Christo Braun; Feb. 17, "Fanny and Walt," by Jewel Seehaus; and Feb. 27, a series of one-act plays, "Scrap," by Mark Routhier and "The Jumper," by Suzanne Nece. Footloose also presents three solo comedy shows written and performed by Bruce Pachtman, Randy Rutherford and Fred Raker, Fridays and Saturdays, Feb. 6, 7, 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 8, at 3 p.m.

On Feb. 11 at 8 p.m., "PILOT: Your Seat Cushion Is A Flotation Device," a dance extravaganza will be presented at ODC Theater, 3153-17th Street. Tickets are \$8-12. For information call 863-9834.

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Exhibit Spotlights

Harlem Renaissance

"Rhapsodies in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance" examines a key moment in 20th century history and brings together approximately 130 paintings, sculptures, photographs, prints and drawings, with rare archival film and sound recordings of the period.

As the Jazz Age dawned in the early 1920s, African American Artists, writers and musicians flocked to the neighborhood of Manhattan called Harlem. This "Mecca of the New Negro" soon became home to a cultural revolution, known first as the "New Negro Renaissance" and later termed the Harlem Renaissance."

Repercussions of this cultural revolution, which embraced white as well as black artists, were felt around the world. Its sphere of influence extended from the United States to Europe most notably in Jazz Age Paris, Africa, and the Caribbean.

The rich legacy of the Harlem Renaissance ranges from the paintings of Aaron Douglas and Jacob Lawrence to the music of Duke Ellington and Bessie Smith to the writings of

Langston Hughes and Zora Neale Hurston.

While the exhibition "Rhapsodies in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance" is on view, the Legion of Honor will remain open until 8:45 every Wednesday night. Special programming includes music in the galleries and events in the Gould Theater.

"Rhapsodies in Black" is presented with the support of the Harlem/Africa Exhibition Committee. This group of more than 100 community leaders, educators, and representatives from arts organizations has been working with the museum staff to develop a diverse, extended audience for the exhibition.

In addition to the programs at the Legion, the Harlem/Africa Committee is presenting a wide array of exhibition-related events at locations throughout the Bay Area. For information about these programs and the Harlem/Africa Committee, call Pamela McDonald, Director of Audience Development and Civic Affairs, at 415/750-7678 or the museum hotline 415/863-3330.



A photogravure of blues singer Bessie Smith, by noted photographer Carl Van Vechten, is one of many works in the current exhibit at the Palace of the Legion of Honor, "Rhapsodies in Black: Art of the Harlem Renaissance."



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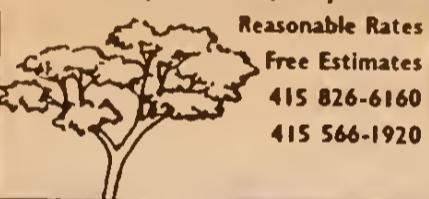
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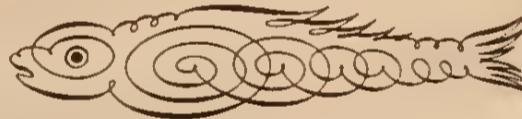
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To complement its current exhibition, "Makeready: Finding Art in the Unexpected," (January 12–February 20) the San Francisco Center for the Book, at 300 De Haro St., is offering several educational events in February.

"A Conversation About Art and Accident" will take place Friday, Feb. 6, at 7 p.m.

Frances Butler, Philip Krayna, and Steven Woodall will share their views about makeready, including discussion of some of the processes that lead to the production of a piece of makeready art.

Butler has been a fabric printer, bookmaker, and professor at U.C. Davis, and is at present working on a poetry garden in France. Krayna is curator of the Makeready show and an independent graphic designer. Woodall is program director at the San Francisco Center for the Book and past president of the Pacific Center for the Book Arts.

"A Typographical Lecture" will be held on Friday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m., with Martin Venezky, art director for Speak Magazine, a journal of conversation, art, and fashion.

Hill's use of overprinting and unorthodox typography in the pages of Speak is planned, but resembles the chance images found in makeready. He will discuss how his work with accidental imagery became first a passionate obsession and, ultimately, a career.

Also featured in February will be "Poets Pulling Prints," an ongoing series of events that features letterpress printing and poetry reading.

Alice Jones and Carol Snow will present an afternoon of poetry from 4–6 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14. The audi-

ence will take home complimentary broadsides of the poets' work printed at the Center by Asa Peavy and Coriander Reisbord of Prickly Pair Editions.

Jones, formerly a physician, is a psychoanalyst and poet living in Berkeley. Her poems have appeared in publications ranging from *Annals of Internal Medicine* to *Best American Poetry of 1994* to *Zyzzyvo*.

Snow's first book, *Artist and Model*, was a National Poetry Series selection

and was the 1990 Poetry Center Book Award winner. She is also the recipient of the Joseph Henry Jackson Award, a Pushcart Prize, and an NES Fellowship for 1997–98.

This event is supported by Poets & Writers, Inc. through a grant it has received from the San Francisco Foundation.

For more information about Center for the Book programs, call 565-0545.



Nina Haft performs in an evening of dances choreographed by Randee Paufve, Beth Harris and herself, at the Brady Street Dance Center, February 6 and 7. The center is located at 60 Brady St. (between Market and Otis), in San Francisco. Tickets are \$12 for general admission, \$10 for seniors, students and disabled persons. Performances are at 8 p.m. For more info call (510) 215-7305.

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Each year, proceeds from the treasure hunt benefit a different non-profit agency: this year, it's Bay Area Women's and Children's Center, a Tenderloin-based Resource Center for Women, Children and Families.

This urban detective game is a sort

of simultaneous aerobic and intellectual workout. It's part brain-teaser, part trivia game, and part foot race, as teams of players (some in identical team shirts) pool their knowledge, analytical skills and intuition to solve clues and rush to locations where they must find a hidden token. Along the way, they shire their flashlights down dingy alleys, and over weathered historical plaques, faded street fixtures, and out of the way urban art.

In the past, Treasure Hunters have followed in the footsteps of Dashiell Hammett's fictional sleuths, tracked down locations from the films "Vertigo" and "Dark Passage," and studied hundred-year-old maps and old photographs to locate forgotten remnants of San Francisco's past.

Admission is \$20 per person (\$17 in advance).

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Members of the "Not a Clue" team study their treasure maps before setting out on the Chinese New Year's Treasure Hunt.

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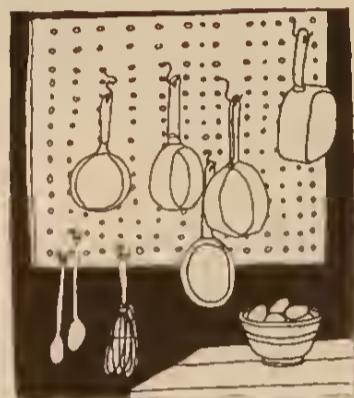


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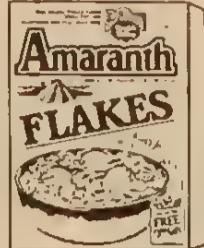
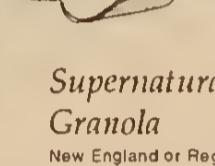
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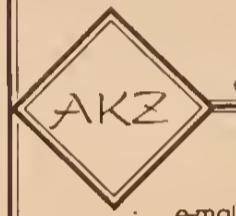


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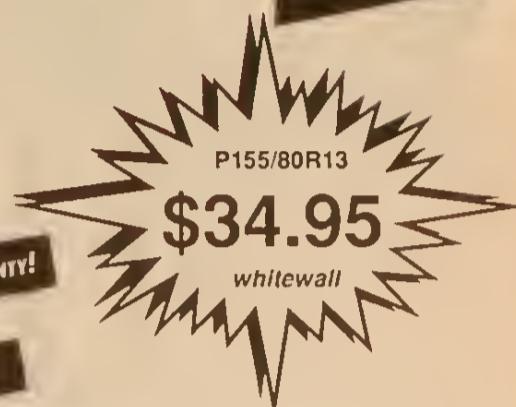


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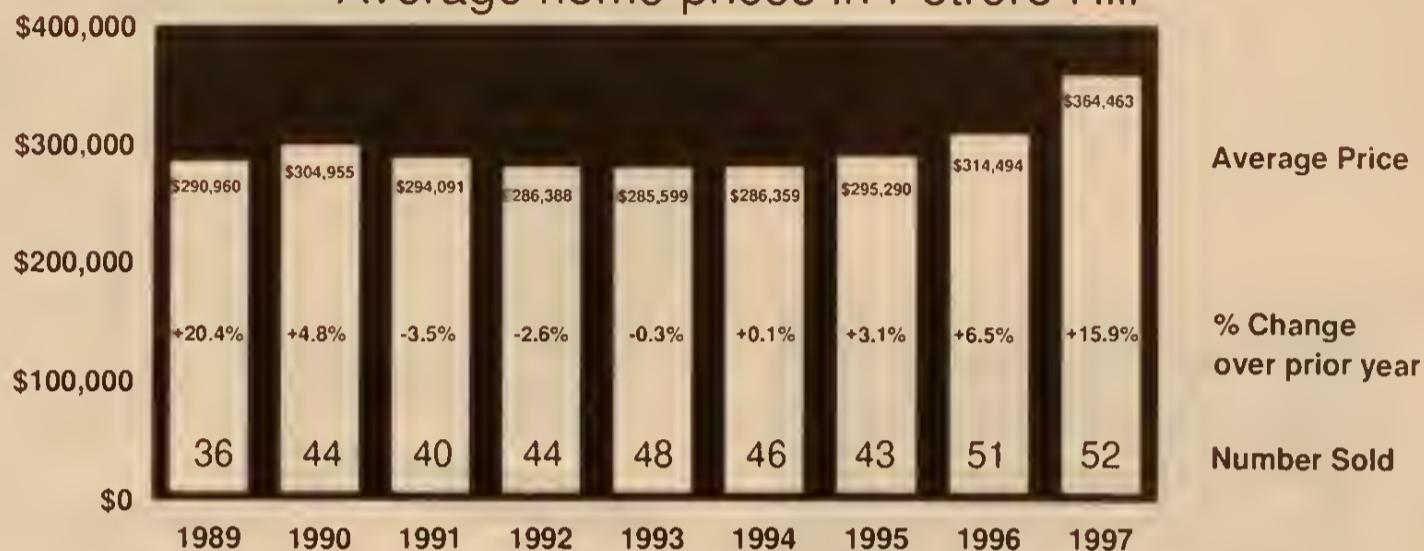




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